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49/5. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 47/11 of 29 October 1992 relating to the promotion of cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General of 28 September 1994 on cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States, 1/

Taking into account the reports of the Secretary-General entitled "An Agenda for Peace" 2/ and "An Agenda for Development" 3/ and the related consultations within the United Nations and with regional organizations on these subjects,

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1/ A/49/450.

2/ A/47/277-S/24111.

3/ A/48/935.

Recalling that the purposes of the United Nations are, inter alia, to achieve international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, and to be a centre for harmonizing the actions of nations in the attainment of these common ends,

Bearing in mind that the Charter of the United Nations provides for the existence of regional arrangements and agencies for dealing with such matters relating to the maintenance of international peace and security as are appropriate for regional action, and whose activities are consistent with the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

Recalling also that the Charter of the Organization of American States reaffirms these purposes and principles and provides that that organization is a regional agency under the terms of the Charter of the United Nations,

Noting with satisfaction that the second general meeting between representatives of the United Nations system and of the Organization of American States was held at the headquarters of the Organization of American States on 3 and 4 May 1993, and that a sectoral meeting on natural disasters management in the Americas was held in Barbados on 28 and 29 April 1994,

Welcoming the meeting on peace, held at United Nations Headquarters on 1 August 1994 between the Secretary-General and heads of regional organizations,

Bearing in mind the adoption by the General Assembly of the Organization of American States, on 8 June 1994, of resolution AG/RES.1289(XXIV-O/94), also on cooperation between the Organization of American States and the United Nations,

Recalling its resolutions 47/20 A, 47/20 B and 48/27 B of 24 November 1992, 20 April 1993 and 8 July 1994, respectively,

Aware that the effective consolidation of a new international order requires regional action in harmony with that of the United Nations,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States, as well as of his efforts to strengthen that cooperation;

2. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for his initiative in meeting with heads of regional organizations on 1 August 1994 and recommends that similar meetings be held more frequently;

3. Expresses its satisfaction at the close cooperation between the two organizations and, in particular, the joint operations of the International Civilian Mission to Haiti, as well as over the work carried out by the former Special Envoy of the Secretaries-General of the United Nations and the Organization of American States in relation to the situation in Haiti;

4. Welcomes the offer of the Chairman of the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States to the President of the Security Council concerning the readiness of the Organization of American States to cooperate with the United Nations in its efforts to improve measures for the prevention and peaceful solution of regional and international conflicts;

5. Also expresses its satisfaction at the close cooperation between the two organizations in the observation and verification of the electoral process, and recognizes the effectiveness of that cooperation when it is requested by national authorities;

6. Welcomes the meeting between the Secretary-General and the new Secretary-General of the Organization of American States, soon after the latter took office, as well as regular meetings between their representatives throughout the period under review;

7. Requests both Secretaries-General, or their representatives, to resume consultations with a view to signing during 1995 an agreement for cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States;

8. Approves the conclusions and recommendations of the second general meeting between representatives of the two organizations held in May 1993, as well as the sectoral meeting on natural disasters management in the Americas, held in April 1994, and urges the relevant authorities of both organizations to take the necessary steps to implement those recommendations and promote further cooperation;

9. Recommends that a third general meeting between representatives of the United Nations system and the Organization of American States be held in 1995 to continue to review and appraise progress, and that sectoral and focal point meetings be held on areas of priority or mutually agreed issues;

10. Expresses its appreciation for the efforts of the Secretary-General in the promotion of cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States and expresses the hope that he will continue to strengthen and broaden the mechanism for cooperation between the two organizations;

11. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

12. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-first session the item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States".

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